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SUBJECT: LOS: USSR CONCERNS REGARDING MARINE POLLUTION

1. MINISTER COUNSELOR VASEV OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED
ON AMBASSADOR ALDRICH ON MARCH 14 TO INFORM HIM OF A
DEMARCHE THEY HAD JUST MADE IN LONDON CONCERNING THE PRO-
VISIONS OF THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT (ICNT)
THAT DEAL WITH MARINE POLLUTION. VASEV MADE THE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

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-- PART XII OF THE ICNT IS CONSIDERED BY THE USSR AS AN
ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE, AND THEY WOULD NOT THINK IT USEFUL
TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF PART XII IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE
DURING THE SEVENTH SESSION.

-- NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE TWO POLLUTION QUESTIONS THAT

TRANSCENDED THE SCOPE OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE AND WHICH THEY BELIEVE DESERVE FURTHER ATTENTION. THE FIRST OF THESE IS THAT THEY DO NOT THINK THE LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF ARCHIPELAGIC STATES TO CONTROL POLLUTION IN ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS ARE ADEQUATELY SET FORTH EITHER IN PART IV OR PART XII OF THE ICNT. THE SECOND IS THAT THE GUARANTEES OF THE RIGHTS OF FOREIGN FLAG SHIPS WHICH ARE SET FORTH WITH RESPECT TO POLLUTION IN SECTION 7 OF PART XII SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER ENFORCEMENT MEASURES DEALING WITH ISSUES OTHER THAN POLLUTION. THE SOVIETS SUGGEST THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT CHANGING THE TEXT OF SECTION 7 BY MAKING IT A SEPARATE PART OF THE ICNT.

-- THE SOVIETS SUGGESTED TO THE UK THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THESE ISSUES DISCUSSED BY THE MAJOR MARITIME POWERS IN THE GROUP OF 17, AND THEY HOPED THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED NO LATER THAN THE SECOND WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SESSION. THEY REQUESTED THE UK TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 17 FOR THAT PURPOSE.

-- THE SOVIETS DID NOT REQUEST ANY RESPONSE OR COMMENT FROM US, BUT MERELY WISHED US TO BE INFORMED OF THE APPROACH THEY HAVE MADE TO THE BRITISH.

2. THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SOVIETS ARE NOT NEW. EMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT HENRY DARWIN, FCO, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORM HIM OF THE CONTENTS OF PARA 1 AND STATE THAT WE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH THE UK ON A BILATERAL BASIS BEFORE THE UK CALLS A MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 17. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE BRITISH DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE LOS CONFERENCE. VANCE

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